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22 April 1946

Mr. George E. Brewer  
Assistant to the Administrative Assistant  
Office of Secretary of War  
4E921, Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brewer:

1. Reference is made to the discussions between members of your staff and Mr. Saunders of my office relative to the War Department's budgetary contribution to the Central Intelligence Group for the fiscal year 1947.

2. It is my understanding that the War Department's budget for the fiscal year 1947 does not at present include a request for funds to support the Central Intelligence Group during the coming fiscal year. Paragraph 2 of the Presidential Directive issued 22 January 1946 states that within the limits of available appropriations each of the three departments shall from time to time assign persons and facilities to the Central Intelligence Group. It may be that the Budget Office of the War Department is planning on covering the cost of the War Department's contribution to the Central Intelligence Group without specifically requesting additional funds.

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3. Attached is a schedule showing the estimated minimum requirements by object class of expenditure which amounts to a total of [REDACTED]

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4. Of the total amount requested [REDACTED] This estimate is based on the initial Table of Organization approved by the National Intelligence Authority in Directive No. 2 issued 8 February 1946. It is recognized, of course, that some of these positions may be filled by military personnel. As of 5 April 1946 there were on detailed duty 13 military and 14 civilians. We must take cognizance of the fact that the Central Intelligence Group is in a formative stage and it is quite possible that during the fiscal year 1947 an expansion of program may take place requiring additional funds for personal services. Unless some provision is made now the War Department's budgetary limitations may prevent any additional funds being made available. Therefore, it is requested that the full amount of [REDACTED] be approved in order that any savings effected by filling the positions with military personnel may be used for expansion if it becomes necessary.

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5. It is estimated that [REDACTED] will be required for other objects of expenditure other than personal services, details of which are shown

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on the attached schedule. Existing services and facilities of the Strategic Services Unit will be utilized to the fullest extent before calling on the various services and facilities of the War Department.

6. Your cooperation in securing approval of this request for funds for the fiscal year 1947 will be greatly appreciated. Any additional information that you may require relative to these estimates will be furnished upon request.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Colonel, CAC  
Administrative Officer

Attachment

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